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In re the Application of: Shuji SAITO et al.

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For: NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR,  
RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 10, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 for two months from February 19, 2003 to April 19, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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